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Note by the Executive Director

Summary

The table below summarizes action taken by UNEP to implement the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at its forty-fourth (1989) and forty-fifth (1990) sessions and by the Economic and Social Council in 1990, of particular relevance to the United Nations Environment Programme.

Forty-Fourth Session (1989)

General Assembly Resolution	Action Taken
44/172 A Plan of Action to Combat Desertification	Draft report of Secretary-General on the various provisions of this resolution prepared by UNEP for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session through ECOSOC. The report will also be submitted to the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development as part of an overall report on desertification including also an assessment of the status of desertification and the implementation of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification.
44/172 B Implementation in the Sudano-Sahelian Region of the Plan of Action to Combat Desertification	UNEP has doubled its contribution to UNSO in the biennium 1990-1991 as compared with the previous biennium.

44/206 Possible adverse effects on sea-level rise on islands and coastal areas, particularly low-lying coastal areas	UNEP co-operated in the preparation of the Secretary-General's report on the implementation of this resolution. The report, which is before the Council in document UNEP/GC.16/18, is to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, through ECOSOC and the Governing Council.
44/207 Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind	See document UNEP/GC.16/21/Add.3, sections A, B and C.
44/224 International co-operation in the monitoring, assessment and anticipation of environmental threats and in assistance in cases of environmental emergency	UNEP prepared the draft report of the Secretary-General on this subject, which is before the Council in document UNEP/GC.16/17. The report is to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session through the Governing Council and ECOSOC.
44/225 Large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas	UNEP co-operated in the preparation of the Secretary-General's report on this subject, which was submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session.
44/226 Traffic in and disposal, control and transboundary movements of toxic and dangerous products and wastes	The Secretary-General's report has been prepared by UNEP for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, through ECOSOC, on progress in the implementation of the Basel Convention and the resolution.
44/227 Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 42/186 and 42/187	UNEP co-operated in the preparation of the Secretary-General's report on this subject. The report, which is before the Council, in Document UNEP/GC.16/14, is to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, through ECOSOC and the Governing Council, as well as to the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.
44/228 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development	See document UNEP/GC.16/4/Add.7.
44/229 International co-operation in the field of environment Para. 5	The Secretary-General's report on the structure of the United Nations and its responsiveness in

	dealing with major environmental issues is being prepared by UNEP, in consultation with Governments, the United Nations system and the Secretary-General of UNCED, for submission to the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.
Para. 7	A three-day special session of the Governing Council was held in Nairobi from 1-3 August 1990.
Para. 10	Concerning the Fund target of $100 million in 1992, see documents UNEP/GC.16/4/Add.5/ Suppl.1 and UNEP/GC.16/15.
Para. 12	The principle of sustainable and environmentally sound development in all countries was included as one of the goals in the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations Development Decade adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 45/199.
Para. 15	On sustainable agriculture, see document UNEP/GC.16/21/Add.3, section E.
Para. 17	For the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change see document UNEP/GC.16/21/Add.3, section B.
Para. 18	A preparatory meeting for negotiations on a framework convention on climate was convened jointly by the Executive Director of UNEP and Secretary-General of WMO in September 1990. The General Assembly subsequently, in its resolution 45/212, decided to establish a single inter-governmental negotiating process under its own auspices.
Para. 19	For progress in the protection of the Ozone Layer, see document UNEP/GC.16/21, section D.
Para. 22	Concerning Biological Diversity, see document UNEP/GC.16/21/Add.3, section D.
Para. 23	On the proposed establishment of a United Nations centre for urgent environmental assistance, see document UNEP/GC.16/4/Add.2, section III.

Forty-fifth session

45/78 A Question of Antarctica	The Executive Director is co-operating closely with the Secretary-General on a report on the state of the environment in Antarctica, and a report on the possibility of establishing a United Nations-sponsored station in Antarctica, both to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session.
45/190 International co-operation to address and mitigate the consequences of the accident at Chernobyl power plant	The Executive Director is participating in the task force set up by the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination.

45/197 Large-scale pelagic driftnet fishing and its impact on the living marine resources of the world's oceans and seas	Considerable substantive inputs to the report on the implementation of the resolution are being provided by the Executive Director. The report will be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session.
45/210 Environment and international trade	The Executive Director has offered his assistance to UNCTAD for the preparation of an analytical study to be submitted to Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development at its third session on the present situation and future trends regarding the relationship between environmental issues and international trade.
45/212 Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind	See documents UNEP/GC.16/15 and UNEP/GC.16/21/Add.3, sections A, B and C.
45/211 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development	See document UNEP/GC.16/4/Add.7.
45/71 Effects of atomic radiation	Report being prepared by UNSCEAR for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on a review of the important problems in the field of radiation. UNEP continues to provide support for the work of UNSCEAR.
45/234 Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries.	See document UNEP/GC.16/4/Add.4/Suppl.1.

ECOSOC 1990

1990/54 Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Co-operation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries.	See document UNEP/GC.16/4/Add.4/ Suppl.1.